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SUBJECT: IBRD LOAN FOR INDONESIA FOR SMALLHOLDERS NUCLEUS ESTATES I

**REF: STATE 133708** 

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS PURSUED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE INDONESIAN POSTPONEMENT OF IBRD PALM OIL APPLICATION. VISIT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN U.S. POLICY TO HIGHEST LEVELS INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. INDONESIANS UNDERSTAND BUT WOULD OBVIOUSLY PREFER THAT BANK TAKE INITIATIVE ON POSTPONEMENT.

2. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON DEPUTY CHAIRMAN BAPPENAS, SALEH AFFIF, MORNING OF JUNE 11 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT REFTEL.

STRESSED THAT USG FACES SENSITIVE SITUATION IN CONGRESS WITH REGARD TO PALM OIL LOANS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT TO THE IFIS. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF GOI COULD ASK BANK TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF LOAN FOR MONTH OR TWO. ALSO INFORMED AFFIF THAT USG HAD ADVISED IBRD MANAGEMENT OF APPROACH WE ARE MAKING TO GOI AND THAT E/CM COUNSELOR HAD MENTIONED MATTER TO IBRD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT A RECEPTION PRIOR EVENING. MADE POINT THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT INDONESIAN INITIATIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO MOVE CONSIDERATION OF AN ALTERNATE LOAN IN PLACE OF PALM OIL ONE.

3. AFFIF WAS NON-COMMITAL AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO APPRISE MINISTER OF STATE WIDJOJO. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED WE DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH DR. JULIANTO, DIRECTOR GENERAL IN FINANCE MINISTRY, SINCE LATTER IS ONE OF PRINCIPAL ACTION OFFICERS

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- 4. DURING SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND'S VISIT HE EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND MINISTERS TOYIB, WIDJOJO AND PRAWIRO THAT PALM OIL EXPANSION REPRESENTS TEMPORARY POLITICAL PROBLEM IN U.S. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE PALM OIL REPRESENTS THREAT TO U.S. SOYBEAN SALES BECAUSE ALL PROTIENS WILL BE NEEDED IN WORLD WITH RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION. AMBASSADOR, IN MEETING WITH WIDJOJO, RAISED SPECIFICALLY U.S. DESIRE THAT ACTION ON INDONESIAN PALM OIL PROJECT BE POSTPONED WHILE CURRENT U.S. LEGISLATION PENDING. WIDJOJO WAS NON-COMMITAL.
- 5. SUBSEQUENTLY WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVE BANETH TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM WIDJOJO THAT WHILE INDONESIAN UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM, THEY WOULD PREFER THAT BANK TAKE INITIATIVE ON ANY POSTPONEMENT. BANETH SAID HE WOULD BE TELEPHONING THIS POSITION TO BANK JUNE 14. BANETH SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW TO INDONESIANS THAT POSTPONEMENT SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEM IN ULTIMATE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT.
- 6. EMBASSY HAS APPOINTMENT WITH JULIANTO MORNING JUNE 15 AND WILL REPORT FURTHER. NEWSOM

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